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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case 7728

In the Matter of :
US National Phase Entry :
Under 35 USC 371 from :
International Application of :
Angell et al., :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/22692 : Group Art Unit : N/A
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For Method for Improving Effervescency of a Detergent Product :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-16 and replace with the new claims 17-42 below.

17. Method of using an aluminosilicate ion exchange material for delivering effervescency in a detergent product, comprising the steps of:
 providing an aluminosilicate ion exchange material having pores;
 drying said aluminosilicate ion exchange material;
 entrapping a gas into said pores of said aluminosilicate ion exchange material;
 adding said aluminosilicate ion exchange material having gas entrapped therein to a detergent composition; and
 forming a detergent product exhibiting effervescency when said detergent product is placed in an aqueous medium.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the aluminosilicate ion exchange material has a formula, $M_{m/n} [(AlO_2)_m(SiO_2)_y] \cdot xH_2O$, where n is the valence of the cation